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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

JUNE, 1954 TO DECEMBER, 1963.

The estimates contained in this publication replace entirely those previously published for all periods from June, 1954.



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The tables in this publication contain monthly estimates of the number of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding employees in rural industry (comprising agriculture, grazing and dairying) and private domestic service.

They form part of a new series which replaces entirely that previously published for all periods from June, 1954. The prime purpose of the new series is the same as that of the previous series in that it aims to measure currently, and as nearly as possible with available data, monthly trends in employment in the defined field.

Although covering virtually the same part of the work force, the new series, in addition to incorporating revised estimates, differs from the old in the classification of some industries and in being based on comprehensive "benchmark" data derived for the purpose from the Population Censuses of June, 1954 and June, 1961. Figures for periods between and subsequent to the two benchmark points in time are estimates obtained from three main sources, (i) Pay-roll Tax returns, which are lodged by all employers paying more than £200 per week in wages, other than those specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1962, (ii) returns from government bodies, and (iii) some other direct current records of employment, e.g. for hospitals. The data thus derived are supplemented by estimates of the changes in number of wage and salary earners not covered by those collections. Figures for current months are subject to revision. As they become available, particulars of employment obtained from other collections, notably the annual factory census and the censuses and sample surveys of retail establishments, are used to check and, where desirable, to revise estimates in relevant sections.

The estimated monthly figures are derived mainly from reports supplied by employers on an enterprise or establishment basis. The benchmark figures are derived from personal particulars supplied by individual respondents on population census schedules. However, the industry dissections of census information have been adjusted, as nearly as may be, to an "enterprise/establishment" reporting basis. The industry classification used is that of the Population Census of June, 1961.

The terms employment, employees and wage and salary earners as used here are synonymous with, and relate to, wage and salary earners on pay-rolls or in employment in the latter part of each month, as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. Some persons working part-time are included.

Employees in rural industry and in private domestic service are not included in the estimates because the available data are inadequate.

Table 1 of this publication contains employment estimates for each month from June, 1954 (the first month of the new series) to December, 1963. A dissection of the figures for December, 1963 according to industry groups is given in Table 2. Similar information for later months appears in the Monthly Statistical Summary published by this Office.

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Table 1: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

Excluding Employees in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service, and Defence Forces
(thousands)

Year	Month												Average for Year
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
MALES													
1954(a)	-	-	-	-	-	141.2	141.1	141.9	142.1	141.7	142.7	143.0	n.a.
1955	143.1	143.1	144.3	145.5	144.3	144.5	144.2	144.3	145.2	144.7	145.4	146.0	144.6
1956	143.4	146.6	147.0	146.4	146.4	144.7	143.7	143.8	143.7	143.7	144.2	144.1	144.8
1957	143.7	144.8	145.0	144.3	144.0	143.3	142.4	142.3	143.1	143.4	143.5	143.2	143.6
1958	143.4	143.8	144.5	144.0	143.4	143.1	143.8	144.4	145.2	145.6	145.3	145.6	144.3
1959	145.3	145.0	145.7	145.8	145.5	144.9	145.4	145.2	146.0	146.4	146.6	146.6	145.7
1960	146.4	147.2	147.3	146.9	147.0	147.5	147.9	149.3	150.1	149.7	150.1	150.4	148.3
1961	149.1	149.6	149.4	149.4	149.2	148.5	148.6	149.0	149.7	149.6	150.8	150.8	149.5
1962	151.8	152.2	154.1	153.6	154.6	154.7	154.9	155.5	156.3	156.6	156.9	157.3	154.9
1963	158.0	158.2	158.6	159.0	160.0	160.0	159.7	160.6	161.1	161.6	162.7	163.8	160.3
FEMALES													
1954(a)	-	-	-	-	-	43.2	43.4	43.3	43.7	44.3	44.6	44.9	n.a.
1955	43.8	44.9	45.2	45.0	44.9	45.1	45.3	45.1	45.1	45.2	45.8	45.9	45.1
1956	45.0	46.2	46.9	46.8	46.9	46.3	46.2	45.8	45.9	46.0	46.2	46.5	46.2
1957	45.9	47.0	47.1	46.6	46.6	46.1	46.2	46.4	46.6	46.7	47.2	47.7	46.7
1958	47.0	47.4	47.8	47.6	47.5	47.3	47.6	47.9	48.2	48.3	48.4	48.7	47.8
1959	48.1	48.3	48.7	48.9	48.8	48.4	48.5	48.3	48.6	48.7	49.5	49.6	48.7
1960	48.7	49.8	50.1	50.1	50.6	50.4	50.5	50.8	51.1	51.3	51.9	52.4	50.7
1961	51.3	51.7	52.1	52.2	51.8	51.2	51.2	51.2	51.4	51.7	52.3	51.9	51.6
1962	51.7	52.1	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.4	53.4	53.6	54.1	54.2	54.9	54.4	53.4
1963	54.0	54.1	54.8	55.2	55.5	55.5	55.7	55.7	56.0	56.5	57.2	56.9	55.6
PERSONS													
1954(a)	-	-	-	-	-	184.4	184.5	185.2	185.8	186.0	187.3	187.9	n.a.
1955	186.9	188.0	189.5	190.5	189.2	189.6	189.5	189.4	190.3	189.9	191.2	191.9	189.7
1956	188.4	192.8	193.9	193.2	193.3	191.0	189.9	189.6	189.6	189.7	190.4	190.6	191.0
1957	189.6	191.8	192.1	190.9	190.6	189.4	188.6	188.7	189.7	190.1	190.7	190.9	190.3
1958	190.4	191.2	192.3	191.6	190.9	190.4	191.4	192.3	193.4	193.9	193.7	194.3	192.1
1959	193.4	193.3	194.4	194.7	194.3	193.3	193.9	193.5	194.6	195.1	196.1	196.2	194.4
1960	195.1	197.0	197.4	197.0	197.6	197.9	198.4	200.1	201.2	201.0	202.0	202.8	199.0
1961	200.4	201.3	201.5	201.6	201.0	199.7	199.8	200.2	201.1	201.3	203.1	202.7	201.1
1962	203.5	204.3	207.3	206.8	207.8	208.1	208.3	209.1	210.4	210.8	211.8	211.7	208.3
1963	212.0	212.3	213.4	214.2	215.5	215.5	215.4	216.3	217.1	218.1	219.9	220.7	215.9

n.a. denotes "not applicable".

(a) Estimates for months prior to June, 1954 are not available on a basis comparable with that used for June, 1954 and later. See Explanatory Notes on opposite page.

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Table 2: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT — INDUSTRY GROUPS
DECEMBER, 1963

Excluding Employees in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service, and Defence Forces
(thousands)

Industry Group and Sub-group	Males	Females	Persons
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	1.6	—	1.6
Mining and Quarrying	7.4	0.2	7.6
Manufacturing	45.2	7.4	52.6
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sanitary Services	4.9	0.3	5.2
Building and Construction	20.8	0.3	21.1
Transport and Storage —			
Road Transport and Storage	5.2	0.4	5.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	4.0	0.2	4.2
Rail and Air Transport	7.6	0.4	8.0
Total — Transport and Storage	16.8	1.0	17.8
Communication	5.4	1.0	6.4
Finance and Property —			
Banking	3.0	1.3	4.3
Other	2.8	2.2	5.0
Total — Finance and Property	5.8	3.5	9.3
Commerce —			
Retail Trade	17.1	12.8	29.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	12.5	3.4	15.9
Total — Commerce	29.6	16.2	45.8
Public Authority Activities not elsewhere included	7.7	2.3	10.0
Other Industries —			
Health, Hospitals, etc.	3.3	10.0	13.3
Education	5.4	5.4	10.8
Other(a)	9.9	9.3	19.2
Total — Other Industries	18.6	24.7	43.3
TOTAL	163.8	56.9	220.7
Employees of:			
Private Employers	110.4	44.8	155.2
Government Authorities(b) —			
Commonwealth Government(c)	10.4	2.5	12.9
State Government(c)	38.8	9.1	47.9
Local Government	4.2	0.5	4.7
Total — Government Authorities(b)(c)	53.4	12.1	65.5
TOTAL	163.8	56.9	220.7

(a) Comprises Law, Order and Public Safety; Religion and Social Welfare; Other Community and Business Services; Amusement, Sport and Recreation; and Hotels, Personal Service, etc. (excluding private domestic service). (b) Includes employees of government bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road and air transport, shipping, banks, post office, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories, hospitals and institutions, as well as administrative employees. (c) Includes semi-government bodies.

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